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REPORT

TOPIC Military Information from the Lieberose-Drachhausen Area25X1 EVALUATION [REDACTED] PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X125X1 DATE OF CONTENT [REDACTED]25X1 DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] DATE PREPARED 1 February 1954REFERENCES [REDACTED]PAGES 1 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) [REDACTED]REMARKS [REDACTED]

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1. Between 1 and 13 January 1954, the Neue Kaserne north of Drachhausen was occupied by an estimated 700 to 800 troops. Officers' dependents arrived during the last days. Daily training activity included close-order drill with and without small arms at group level with 8 to 10 men to each group, firing practice and practice marches in platoons of 24 to 28 men in the morning and maintenance duty on vehicles and training with individual T-34/85 tanks in the afternoon. Tank training was held in the garages. On 4, 7, and 11 January, 2 T-34/85 tanks each left the installation toward Schoenhoehe and returned at about 1 p.m. One of the barracks buildings was almost unoccupied.

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2. Construction work was nearing completion. Interior work was done, and some of the buildings still needed plastering.
3. At 4 p.m. on 8 January, 12 trucks towing 6 x 57-mm AT guns were en route from the Lieberose target range toward Cottbus.

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4. [REDACTED] a fuel dump was under construction about 300 meters outside the camp. An oil bunker was under construction in the middle of the square which is formed by tank garages.

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Comment. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the AT artillery unit mentioned in paragraph 3 [REDACTED]
belongs to the 9th Mecc Div.

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